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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : The Question of CIA/DDI Support for Ambassador Lodge

1. Ambassador Lodge's requests for direct CIA support appear to rest in part on the following misconception: That CIA possesses quantities of information which it does not distribute to the Departments and which he must, therefore, request directly from CIA on a personal basis. As a matter of fact, he has full access through the Department of State, which is solely responsible for his support, to both the finished intelligence produced and the information collected by CIA.

2. The same is believed to be true of information about CIA operations, for the State Department's liaison officer with the DDP is surely in a better position to keep the Ambassador informed on such matters, as required, than is any CIA officer under the DDI. Reference is made here to information about CIA operations because it is obvious that the Ambassador believes he needs such information. It is not, however, obvious that he would distinguish between intelligence information and operational information in his request for direct briefings from CIA.

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3. This is a matter of serious concern to the DDI side, which is now asked to take over the function of briefing Ambassador Lodge after having given an officer to [REDACTED] last August to carry out this function under DDP auspices. The experience of this officer clearly shows that the exercise serves no useful purpose as an intelligence (DDI) briefing.

4. The CIA briefing officer's first meeting with Mr. Lodge was his last. Mr. Lodge told the officer that his principal function was to channel "those thousands of words of intelligence" into the Ambassador's office for use in the UN. The CIA officer was then introduced to Ambassador Wadsworth and General Babcock. Since that time the CIA officer has dealt with General Babcock only, briefing him biweekly in his private office in New York. The following points are worth noting about these briefings:

a. The briefings consist of general roundups of current intelligence, as per General Babcock's desire; they do not concern themselves with UN affairs.

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b. General Babcock is quite conscious that these briefings are out of channels; the fact that they take place at all is not known outside the immediate office of the Ambassador.

c. General Babcock has never given requirements to the CIA officer; requirements for intelligence go directly to the Department or to the OCB-UN Working Group.

5. On one occasion OCI prepared a special topical briefing for Mr. Lodge. It was on the problem of Formosa and the Offshore Islands. Arrangements were made through General Babcock to brief the Ambassador just before the Security Council meeting of 31 January, on the assumption that Ambassador Lodge looked to CIA for direct support. General Babcock received the OCI analyst in the apparent belief that CIA had something new and different to impart. It was quickly ascertained that this was not the case and the OCI analyst withdrew. General Babcock had all the essential information already before him. This incident is cited here to illustrate the persistent misconception that CIA/DDI can give the Ambassador something that he does not or cannot get from the Department.

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6. The phrase, "those thousands of words of intelligence," which Mr. Lodge used in August 1954, suggests that he may have had [REDACTED] in mind at the time. If so, it should be noted that the US-UN delegation receives by daily pouch all selections from the B-wire which are pertinent to UN affairs in the judgment of the [REDACTED] where the selections are made. (Mr. Lodge refused to put up or request the \$4,000 for rental of a separate wire from the Department for direct-line FBID service.) Again, however, in his letter of 18 December he wrote "...the United States representative should have the benefit of all pertinent intelligence data which your agency is able to collect throughout the world...and which, your representative tells me, I am not now getting." (Underscoring supplied; the representative was [REDACTED] Whatever this statement referred to, it is either a misunderstanding or a matter for action by the Department of State.

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7. This memorandum does not deal with the OCB-UN Working Group, although that Group belongs in the history of the Agency--and the DDI's--support of Ambassador Lodge. It is presumed that Mr. C. D. Jackson intended it to be a kind of combined intelligence and operations group which could draw from all quarters to supply ready ammunition for use against Communist maneuvers in the UN. A DDI officer is a member of this Group and the DDI production offices will continue to help Mr. Craig of OCB in this work.

8. Conclusions:

a. Regular intelligence briefings (DDI) of Ambassador Lodge (General Babcock) are not necessary and are in prejudice of our relations with the Department of State.

b. Ambassador Lodge labors under a misconception of CIA as a collector and producer of intelligence and believes it withholds information from the Departments.

c. There is a danger that Mr. Lodge may confuse intelligence information (DDI) and operational data (DDP) and may think he is protected on the latter by a CIA/DDI commitment which covers only the former, the very kind of briefing which experience shows to be of little or no direct interest to him. The only kind of regular intelligence briefing which he should need is one which the State Department is obligated to give and can give.

9. It is recommended:

a. that Mr. Lodge be reassured that CIA's collection and intelligence is available to him through the Department and that CIA will continue its support of the OCB-UN Working Group; and

b. that the CIA intelligence briefings of General Babcock for Ambassador Lodge be discontinued.

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